

**Constitution of District Level  
Committee for National Project  
on Aquifer Management  
(NAQUIM)**

**Government of Maharashtra**

Water Supply & Sanitation Department  
Government Resolution No:Sankirn 2024/CR02/papu -19  
7th Floor, Gokuldas Tejpal Hospital Building Premises  
Lokmanya Tilak Marg, Near Crawford Market,  
New Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 001  
Date: 15 January, 2024.

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Government of India, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Central Ground Water Board, Faridabad Letter No. M (SAM)- PMU/1/2020- M(HQ)-1863 Dated 11.03.2022

**Introduction :-**

Groundwater is the backbone of India's agriculture and drinking water security. It is a common-pool resource, used by millions of farmers across the country and remains the only drinking water source in most of India's rural households. It also supports industrial water demand in many cases. The Scarcity of water resources and ever-increasing demands that are placed on the resource underline the importance of identifying, quantifying and management of groundwater to offset the problems of over-extraction and contamination and to obviate the consequent economic loss or environmental damage while balancing the demand for various uses. Revisiting aquifers by understanding them better through the aquifer mapping programme with a clear-cut forward link a participatory groundwater management is desired.

The proposed National Project on Aquifer Management (NAQUIM) is designed to make a significant step forward in ground water resources management by identifying and mapping aquifers, quantifying the available ground water resources potential and proposing plans appropriate to the scale of demand, aquifer characteristics and the institutional arrangements for management.

It also deals with the detailed implementation strategy and the mechanism for participatory ground water management at the grass root level as an integral part of the scheme proposal to be implemented in XII & XIII five-year plan period.

The Government of India desires association of the State Government in the National Project on Aquifer Management for effective implementation of the programme. In order to

monitor and implement in the State of Maharashtra, Government of India has requested to set up a committee vide letter no. M (SAM)-PMU/1/2020- M(HQ)-1863 Dated 11.03.2022.

### **Resolution:**

1. With this background and to monitor and implement the National Project on Aquifer Management (NAQUIM) in the State of Maharashtra, Government has decided to set up a District Ground Water Co-ordination Committee (DGWCC) in collaboration with Central Ground Water Board.

With a view to effectively implement the outcome of National Project on Aquifer Management, the District Ground Water Co-ordination Committee is constituted with the following composition:-

1)	District Collector	Chairman
2)	Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad	Co-Chairman
3)	District Superintending Agriculture Officer	Member
4)	Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation	Member
5)	Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply (Z.P.)	Member
6)	Divisional Forest Officer (Social Forestry of District)	Member
7)	Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation (Z.P.)	Member
8)	Senior Geologist, Ground Water Survey and Development Agency	Member
9)	Representative of Central Ground Water Board	Member Secretary

### **2) Terms of Reference :**

The broad terms of reference of the Committee would be as follows:

- i) Planning of Ground Water Management at District Level.
- ii) Convergence of ground water management initiatives under various schemes.
- iii) Coordination with nodal agencies for implementation of ground water management interventions at district level.
- iv) The above TOR's are subject to revision as per directives of Government of India/ Maharashtra,

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By Order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(R. M. Gengaje)

Deputy Secretary, Government of Maharashtra

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- 3) The Commissioner, Groundwater Surveys & Development Agency, Shivaji Nagar, Pune 411005.
- 4) All Districts Collector.
- 5) All Districts Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad
- 6) All Districts Superintending Agriculture Officer
- 7) All Districts Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation
- 8) All Districts Executive Engineer, Water Supply (2.P.)
- 9) All Districts Deputy Director, Social Forestry
- 10) All Districts Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation (Z.P.)
- 11) All Districts Senior Geologist, Ground Water Surveys and Development Agency.
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